

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

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Thursday June 26, 2008 @ 4:30  
Santa Barbara Police Department  
215 E. Figueroa St.

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioners: Rodriguez, Lennon, Signor, Atkins, and Lauritsen

Staff Present: Chief Sanchez, Captain Bob Lowry, Assistant City Attorney Michelle Montez, Fire Chief Ron Prince, Onalisa Hoodes, Acting Secretary and Lieutenant Martel

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Lennon to approve minutes of May 22, 2008

**VOTE:** Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

**4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Lauritsen discussed the protocol to deal with denials of dance permits. Lauritsen felt that dance permits should remain "status quo" until the appeal process is heard before Council and there is a final determination. Michelle Montez said there are no rules or regulations in the new Dance Ordinance and this will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Commissioner Atkins spoke regarding colors of taxi cabs. He met a gentleman from Yellow Cab who complained about other cab companies painting their cabs yellow. Capt. Lowry and Assistant City Attorney are dealing with this issue and Commissioners will be updated at a future meeting.

**7. Appeal of Taxicab Permit Denial – José Maganda**

Present: José Maganda, Appellant

**MOTION:** Lauritsen to deny appeal

**VOTE:** Motion passed; Unanimous voice vote

## **8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

### **Points of Discussion:**

- State of fires in California; lots of dry lightening strikes; 22 firefighters (maximum number allowed) from the City fighting fires in Monterrey Cnty and Shasta Cnty.; 1000 fires going on right now in CA; this is very early in the season for so many fires; Fire Station 1 construction underway; \$4,000,000 project; all firefighters will move out of the station in August; station will continue to stay open during construction
- On June 19<sup>th</sup> Council renewed the Benefit Assessment District in the high fire hazard area; this generates approximately \$220,000 a year, which is used to hire contractors to do vegetation management road clearance; this is a hugely successful program; 80 defensible space inspections done as part of the program

## **9. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

### **Points of Discussion:**

- Budget went well at Council
- Gangs continue to be a priority of the Department; Department will continue to take proactive actions as well as enforcement.
- 6 new officers sworn in this afternoon, they will graduate tomorrow in Camarillo and Commissioners are invited
- There will be several retirements at the end of the year and the Chief has promoted 3 Lieutenants to Captain - Alex Altavilla, Gil Torres and Armando Martel have all been promoted to Captain, Captain Mannix will become the Deputy Chief
- In August and September a Lieutenants test and a Sergeants test will be given, large turnouts for these tests are expected

## **11. ADJOURN: 5:05**